(a) the normal practice followed by the Bokaro Steel Plant for awarding contracts;

(b) whether there has been any deviation from the normal practice in recent days; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and th outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOAHAN DEV): (a) Contracts are awarded on the basis of technically acceptable offers as recommended by a Tender Committee constituted for the purpose.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Telegraph Offices with Hindi facility

4110. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telegraph offices in the country alongwith the number of those in which facility to send and receive telegrams in Hindi is available;

(b) the number of telegraph offices in which English teleprinters have been provided but Hindi teleprinters have not been provided there; and

(c) the number of such telegraph offices in which teleprinters in Hindi have been provided but either these have not been installed or are out of order?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There are 43933 telegraph offices in the country, out of which 21332 telegraph offices have facility to send and receive telegrams in Hindi.

(b) There are 868 telegraph offices in which only english teleprinters have been provided.

(c) There is no telegraph office in the country in which Hindi teleprinter has been provided but is not installed or out of order.

[*Translation*]

Waiting list of Telephone Connections in U.P.

4112. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in waiting list to get telephone connections in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and

(b) the time by which telephone connections are likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The districtwise waiting list information as on 30th Sept. 91 has been given in the attached Statement.

(b) The objective of draft 8th Five Year Plan (1992–97) of the department for providing telephone connections is to:–

- provide telephone practically on demand in the rural and tribal areas and
- to contain the waiting list to two years period in charge telephone systems.

With the above objective, plans have been drawn to provide telephone connections to the waiting list applicants progressively during the 8th Plan period.

STATEMENT

S. No.	*Name of District HQR.*	*Total Waiting List*
1	*2*	*3*
1.	Agra	11025
2.	Aligarh	1903
3.	Allahabad	4524
4.	Almora	378
5.	Azamagarh	343
6.	Bahraich	100
7.	Ballia	46
8.	Banda	169
9.	Barabanki	124
10.	Bareilly	1128
11.	Basti	19
12.	Bijnore	48
13.	Budaun	26
14.	Bulandhahar	1444
15.	Chamoli	8
16.	Dehradun	8626
17.	Deoria	94
18.	Etah	46
19.	Etawah	343
20.	Faizabad	261
21.	Farrukhabad	560

S. No.	*Name of District HQR.*	*Total Waiting List*
1	*2*	*3*
22.	Fatehpur	151
23.	Ferozabad	2230
24.	Ghaziabad	15923
25.	Ghazipur	314
26	Gonda	22
27.	Gorakhpur	2400
28.	Hamirpur	130
29.	Hardoi	116
30.	Hardwar	1704
31.	Jalaun	493
32.	Jaunpur	113
33.	Jhansi	955
34.	Kanpur	13986
35.	Kanpur (Rural)	182
36.	Lakhimpur Kheri	45
37.	Lalitpur	228
38.	Lucknow	10391
39.	Maharajganj	0
40.	Mathua	1723
41.	Manipuri	143
42.	Mau-Naath Bhanjan	370

S. No.	Name of District HQR.	Total Waiting List
1	2	3
43.	Meerut	11205
44.	Mirzapur	151
45.	Moradabad	2475
46.	Muzaffarnagar	1967
47.	Nainital	2783
48.	Pauri Garhwal	143
49.	Pilibhith	34
50.	Pithoragarh	104
51.	Pratapgarh	152
52.	Rae Bareli	5
53.	Rampur	182
54.	Saharanpur	2481
55.	Shahjahanpur	102
56.	Siddharth Nagar	28
57.	Sitapur	70
58.	Sone Bhadra	152
59.	Sultanpur	354
60.	Tehri Garhwal	21
61.	Unnao	50
62.	Uttar Kashi	30
63.	Varanasi	4723